

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for releasing the thread in response to the thread finishing with the resource only if it is not dependent on any subsequent threads. Support for the amendment may be found in paragraph 24 of the application as originally filed.

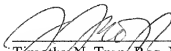
Nothing of the sort is contained in the cited reference and, therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the double patenting rejection is also requested in view of the amendment.

Claim 17 has been amended to overcome the antecedent basis issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 4, 2010



Timothy N. Trop, Reg. No. 28,994
TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.
1616 South Voss Road, Suite 750
Houston, TX 77057-2631
713/468-8880 [Phone]
713/468-8883 [Fax]

Attorneys for Intel Corporation